

REMARKS


The indication that pending Claims 1-12 and 19 are allowed is acknowledged.

The only remaining Claims 13, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) said to be unpatentable over WO 00/04067.

To avoid this document and thus overcome the rejection the Applicants submit herewith a certified English language translation of the relevant German Priority document, application number 199 41 491.2. This submission in compliance with the requirements under 37 CFR 1.55 is believed to address and overcome the stated rejection.

Believing the above represents a complete response to the Office Action and that the application is in condition for allowance, Applicants request the earliest issuance of an indication to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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